

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **Hainan Free Trade Port opens fast lane**

A foreign vessel carrying 179,000 metric tons of petrochemical raw materials berths at Yangpu Port in Danzhou, Hainan province, on Dec. 18, following the official launch of the island-wide special customs operations in the Hainan Free Trade Port. The vessel was delivering the first shipment of zero-tariff imported goods as China launched island-wide special customs operations at the Hainan Free Trade Port. **(China Daily)**

#### **Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding meets annual delivery target early**

Having a PCTC (pure car and truck carrier) with 9,000 parking spaces and a container ship with a capacity of 7,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) undocked on the same day on Dec. 16, Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co Ltd, a subsidiary of the China State Shipbuilding Corp, announced reaching its delivery target ahead of time. **(China Daily)**

#### **Hainan FTP Customs acts to spur investment**

The rollout of island-wide special customs operations and expanded duty-free policies at Hainan Free Trade Port significantly boosted its attractiveness among global investors, encouraging foreign companies to increase long-term commitments of capital and talent. The island-wide special customs operations increased the proportion of zero-tariff products at Hainan FTP from 21% to 74%, said the Ministry of Finance. **(China Daily)**

#### **Chinese shipbuilder announces doubling of LNG vessel construction capacity**

In December 2025, Hudong-Zhonghua (under CSSC) delivered the 174,000-cubic-meter LNG vessel Ocean Oasis (295 meter long, 45 meter wide), built in 16 months (3.5 months ahead). It completed 13 large LNG (liquefied natural gas) vessels and delivered 11 this year, doubling LNG ship capacity during 2021-2025. **(China Daily)**

#### **Landmark route to Prague launched in Hainan**

A landmark Sanya - Prague air route under the "seventh - freedom traffic right" was launched on 21 December 2025. Flight DV481 by SCAT Airlines departs Sanya for Prague. It's a pilot project, using Boeing 737 MAX 9. Officials hail it as a BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) outcome. Hainan aims to be an open highland. **(China Daily)**